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LR 81

over, Mr. President. (Re: LR 81 as found on pages 1416-18 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, the next motion I have to the bill is by Senator Chambers. Senator, this is yours to add the new section.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll take the one on the birth certificate.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the bill by striking all language regarding the increased fee for birth certificates. (See page 1418 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, the reason the amendment is framed in this fashion is because there are several references in the bill to this particular fee and rather than specify line and page and perhaps missing something, what the purpose and effect of the amendment is is to strike any language wherever it occurs in the bill that relates to an increased fee for a copy, a certified copy of a record of birth. And since the discussion would be the same on this one as it was on the other, that will be the extent of my opening. I am asking that you adopt this amendment, and if you do, then I would work with Senator Barrett and everybody else to see that we go ahead and get a general fund appropriation for a bill which does have merit.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labeledz, please.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise in support of Senator Chambers' amendment and I, too, believe that it should come out of the general fund. I received a three page letter from the Douglas County Health Department just the other day and I would like to read you part of the statistics that he gave to me in the three page letter. It says, "A surcharge on birth certificates would be borne mainly by a select group of people who can least afford to pay or should pay. In 1980 we reviewed 9,384 counter applications for birth certificates. After the increase of